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Trying 3106...Open

DIALOG INFORMATION SERVICES

PLEASE LOGON:

***** HHHHHHHH SSSSSSSS?

Status: Signing onto Dialog

ENTER PASSWORD:

***** HHHHHHHH SSSSSSSS? *****

Welcome to DIALOG

Status: Connected

Dialog level 00.12.12D

Last logoff: ~~12apr01 15:50:27~~

Logon file ~~405 17apr01 07:03:11~~

*** ANNOUNCEMENT ***

NEW FILE RELEASED

***IBISWorld Market Research (File 753)

***Investext PDF Index (File 745)

***Daily and Sunday Telegraph (London) Papers (File 756)

***The Mirror Group Publications (United Kingdom) (File 757)

***Reuters Business Insight (File 759)

UPDATING RESUMED

***Extel Financial Cards from Primark (File 500)

***Books In Print (File 470)

***Extel News Cards from Primark (File 501)

RELOADED

***Kompass Asia/Pacific (File 592)

***Kompass Central/Eastern Europe (File 593)

***Kompass Canada (File 594)

FILES REMOVED

***EconBase (File 565)

New pricing structure for Pharmaprojects (Files 128/928) from
April 1, 2001. Check Help News128 or Help News928 for further
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>>> Enter BEGIN HOMEBASE for Dialog Announcements <<<

>>> of new databases, price changes, etc. <<<

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15,9,623,810,275,624,636,621,813,16,160,148,20,77,35,583,65,2,233,99,473,474,475,278,634,256,348,349,347.

SYSTEM:HOME

Menu System II: D2 version 1.7.8 term=ASCII

*** DIALOG HOMEBASE(SM) Main Menu ***

Information:

1. Announcements (new files, reloads, etc.)
2. Database, Rates, & Command Descriptions
3. Help in Choosing Databases for Your Topic
4. Customer Services (telephone assistance, training, seminars, etc.)
5. Product Descriptions

Connections:

6. DIALOG(R) Document Delivery
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/H = Help /L = Logoff /NOMENU = Command Mode

Enter an option number to view information or to connect to an online service. Enter a BEGIN command plus a file number to search a database (e.g., B1 for ERIC).

?b core

17apr01 07:03:39 User264672 Session D17.1

\$0.00 0.222 DialUnits FileHomeBase

\$0.00 Estimated cost FileHomeBase

\$0.08 TELNET

\$0.08 Estimated cost this search

\$0.08 Estimated total session cost 0.222 DialUnits

SYSTEM:OS - DIALOG OneSearch

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 See Help Rates2 for details.
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 It will remain on Dialog as a closed file.
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 File 475:Wall Street Journal Abs 1973-2001/Apr 12
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 File 256:SoftBase:Reviews,Companies&Prods. 85-2001/Mar
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 File 347:JAPIO Oct 1976-2000/Dec(UPDATED 010412)
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 Alerts have been run. See HELP NEWS 347 for details.

Set Items Description

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?s palmpilot

S1 9920 PALMPILOT

?s POS and s1

93951 POS

9920 S1

S2 66 POS AND S1

?rd

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...completed examining records

S3 27 RD (unique items)

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Oracle Ships Industry's 1st Mobile Database For PDAs
(Oracle introduced Oracle Lite 3.5, a mobile database and other products)
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ABSTRACT:

Oracle introduced Oracle Lite 3.5, a mobile database for personal digital assistants (PDAs) and handheld PCs. Past versions have been targeted at notebook PCs only. Version 3.5 can operate directly on Microsoft Windows CE devices. The product supports data replication, full 32-bit Window client support; persistent Java support; a new Oracle Lite plug-in for the Netscape Navigator; direct Web browser support; a new OCX/ActiveX interface; and Web-based administration. Several firms are using Oracle Lite to develop mobile database applications. Also, Oracle announced plans to introduce a product based on technology formerly called Project Jupiter next month. This will combine a miniature version of the Oracle 8i "Internet database;" Internet technology to manage Java applet downloads and replication of both data and applications; and a mini-HTML server. Additional information is provided.

TEXT:

REDWOOD SHORES, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A., 1998 SEP 24 (NB) -- By Jacqueline Emigh, Newsbytes. Oracle (NASDAQ:ORCL) has released Oracle Lite 3.5, a product billed as the industry's first mobile database for PDAs (personal digital assistants) and handheld PCs to enter volume shipment.

"We are extending the enterprise to small devices. Now, PDAs and handhelds become really viable platforms," maintained Jacob Christfort, director of product management and marketing for Oracle's mobile and embedded products, in an interview with Newsbytes.

As previously reported in Newsbytes, earlier versions of Oracle Lite have been targeted at notebook PCs only. Oracle previewed the first edition of the smaller footprint software, also suitable for PDAs and handhelds, at PC Expo in June. Oracle Lite 3.5 operates directly on Microsoft Windows CE devices, providing the ability to replicate data with both "big" Oracle databases and Palm Computer applications.

Also this week, Oracle unveiled plans to debut a product based on technology formerly code-named Project Jupiter at Internet World next month. Also as previously reported, this product will integrate a miniaturized version of the forthcoming Oracle 8i "Internet database," a mini-HTML (hypertext markup language) server, and "extended Internet technology" for managing Java applet downloads and replication of both data and applications, Christfort told Newsbytes

Oracle 8i will support both Oracle Lite and the "Project Jupiter" product, the Oracle exec added. Also, both end user database products will work with

Oracle Mobile Agents, he noted.

"With Oracle Mobile Agents, you can configure automatic replication to take place wirelessly, without having to modify applications," Newsbytes was told.

Oracle Lite 3.5 also supports data replication, or copying, from Windows CE with the use of either HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) or file-based replication.

Data can also be replicated between Oracle Lite and Palm applications such as PIMs (personal information managers) and calendaring, for example. Related capabilities for developers include vertical and horizontal data partitioning between Oracle and Palm devices, and a schema generation utility for mapping the Oracle data to the Palm applications.

Additional features in Oracle Lite 3.5 include: full 32-bit Windows client support; a new OCX/ActiveX interface; persistent Java support; Web-based administration; direct Web browser support; and a new Oracle Lite plug-in for the Netscape Navigator browser.

A number of companies are now exploiting Oracle Lite to develop mobile database applications for either handheld or laptop PCs. Larry Chen of BidCom told Newsbytes that, during the eight-month beta cycle for 3.5, his company used the database software to build a mobile sales configurator for a customer that sells computer networks and "proprietary POS (point-of-sale) applications."

The customer's sales force needs to be able to carry up-to-date "snapshots" of the firm's master sales configurator application, in order to perform "what if" scenarios when on the road, according to Chen. BidCom is already certified for the Oracle 8 database.

Currently, BidCom is only developing for laptop PCs, because that is the predominant platform being used by organizations now moving to SFA, Newsbytes was told. But handheld PCs are already widely deployed in other application areas, such as warehouse distribution, Chen pointed out.

For the future, BidCom would definitely consider adding wireless enablement to its SFA applications, through the use of Oracle Mobile Agents, the developer said.

"We're seeing more and more people looking to wireless. It makes a lot of sense in sales applications," he remarked.

Truck.Net, on the other hand, plans to test a wireless handheld PC application, using a future edition of Oracle Lite running on 3Com's PalmPilot 3, according to Truck.Net chief executive officer (CEO), Craig Zweiner.

In the wireless application, Truck.Net will push content to drivers based on their GPS (global positioning system) location, Zweiner told Newsbytes.

Other ingredients in the application will include the Oracle 8 "big" database, Oracle Mobile Agents, and wireless access through either satellite communications or CDPD.

CDPD, however, would be a more costly alternative for Truck.Net, the CEO told Newsbytes. "We already have (both) GPS and satellite data terminal equipment installed," Zweiner observed.

Oracle is located at <http://www.oracle.com> on the World Wide Web.

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NOVATEL WIRELESS: Companies Team to Provide Wireless Remote Elevator
Monitoring Systems; Otis Selects Novatel Wireless' NRM-6812 Wireless
Modem for National Rollout Campaign

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San Diego--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 7, 1998--Novatel Wireless Inc., a leading provider of wireless communications solutions, Otis Elevator Co., the world's largest elevator company, and Bell Atlantic Mobile have partnered to provide a wireless solution for Otis' Remote Elevator Monitoring (REM) system.

The solution uses Novatel Wireless' NRM-6812 wireless modem, enabling wireless access to critical, on-the-spot performance data. This partnership enhances Otis' response to elevator-maintenance issues and emergency situations.

REM's interconnected system of sensors, monitors, circuits, hardware and software enables it to collect, record, analyze and communicate data regarding some 325 elevator functions. REM spots small problems before they become shut downs. If REM detects an urgent problem, it automatically reports the condition to OTISLINE, Otis' 24-hour maintenance dispatching center. Often mechanics are dispatched, problems are corrected and elevators are back in service before the building owner knows anything was amiss.

Bell Atlantic Mobile of Bedminster, N.J., is providing the wireless data network, supporting the nationwide rollout of the project. Using Bell Atlantic Mobile's AirBridge Wireless IP network and the standard Internet Protocol, the NRM-6812 transmits wireless data at speeds up to 19.2 kbps. Wireless IP, also known as Cellular Digital Packet Data (CDPD), is a method of transmitting data in small packets of information over the existing cellular phone network (AMPS). Built-in error correction ensures reliable, accurate data transmission everywhere the Wireless IP network is deployed.

The NRM-6812 modem is compact, lightweight and durable with 0.6-watt full-duplex capability. With a built-in TCP/IP stack, serial connector and RS-232 port, the NRM-6812 comes ready for integration into numerous applications including security systems, Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals, telemetry and utility monitoring devices.

Previously Otis Elevator Co. relied on landline modems to relay performance data to OTISLINE. This required the installation of phone lines to the elevator machine room. By integrating the NRM-6812 modem directly into the REM box, the need for phone lines is eliminated, while allowing for instantaneous communication of regular and emergency performance data. Having successfully completed a pilot and

beta test program with 200 units, Otis plans to install 2,000 to 5,000 NRM-6812 modems over the next year as they roll out their commercial launch across the United States.

"Novatel Wireless Inc. is pleased to work with an industry giant such as Otis," said Luke St. James, manager of OEM sales for Novatel Wireless. "This is a winning combination of our wireless NRM-6812 modem with their industry-leading elevator technology and opens the door to unsurpassed elevator performance and response."

"Our partnership with Novatel Wireless helps us continue to provide the highest quality of elevator maintenance in the industry," said Jeff Hastings, manager, service systems for Otis. "The wireless technology enables more of our customers to reap the benefits of 24-hour on-site elevator monitoring."

Bell Atlantic Mobile owns and operates the largest wireless network in the East, covering 112,000 square miles, and the largest chain of retail outlets devoted exclusively to wireless voice, data and paging. Based in Bedminster, N.J., Bell Atlantic Mobile has 5.5 million customers and 7,000 employees from Maine to Georgia, and through a separate subsidiary in the Southwest.

Farmington, Conn.-based Otis Elevator Co. is a wholly owned subsidiary of United Technologies Corp. United Technologies, based in Hartford, Conn., provides a broad range of products to the aerospace, building systems and automotive industries.

Novatel Wireless Inc. is a leading-edge wireless communications company with headquarters in San Diego. The company designs and markets low-cost, turnkey wireless solutions for mobile users. Novatel Wireless' product portfolio includes CONTACT, Minstrel, Sage and the NRM-6812. CONTACT is the industry's first wireless handheld computer using Microsoft Windows CE 2.0. Minstrel is a wireless IP modem for the PalmPilot and the IBM WorkPad PC Companion. Sage is an external, wireless modem. Novatel Wireless is a privately held company. For more information, please visit the Novatel Wireless Web site: www.novatelwireless.com or call 888/888-9231.

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3COM: 3Com to Demonstrate Next-Generation Networked Solutions at
Marketechnics '98

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Marketechnics '98

SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 19, 1998--
New 3Com WAN Solutions Based on ATM Switching Technology Deliver
Converged Networks to the Store -- Helping Supermarkets Transcend
the Limitations of Today's WAN

3Com Corp. (NASDAQ:COMS), the leader in providing networked
solutions to retailers, will demonstrate state-of-the-art multiservice
convergence technology -- supporting voice, video and data traffic
over a single network to the store -- at the Marketechnics '98 retail
conference in Los Angeles, Feb. 22 - 24.

Marketechnics is held annually to help retailers improve their
enterprise through a better understanding of available and emerging
technologies and applications.

During the conference, 3Com will demonstrate its next-generation
multiservice networking technology that enables supermarkets to
dramatically increase WAN (wide area network) performance and
bandwidth while reducing costs by integrating voice, video and data
communications. The 3Com retail solution, a replacement for today's
separate voice and data WANs (frame relay, VSAT, and leased line), is
designed to bring the supermarket enterprise into the next millennium
by supporting bandwidth-hungry emerging multi-media and other data
traffic intensive in-store applications.

Today, most supermarket chains and other large format store
retailers have two separate and costly T1 communication links to their
stores: one for data to access a long distance carrier's frame relay
network, and the other dedicated to voice traffic. By replacing these
separate services with a single ATM (asynchronous transfer mode) T1
line, the amount of WAN bandwidth available to support data and video
applications is dramatically increased without increasing
telecommunications costs.

Live Multiservice Convergence Demonstration

During Marketechnics, 3Com will be conducting a live multiservice
demonstration of voice and data from headquarters to the store using
the highly scalable AccessBuilder 9000 line of ATM WAN switches.

"Supermarkets have in many respects led the retail industry in
the deployment of multimedia applications in-store, such as kiosks,

computer-based training, video conferencing, and POS related functions such as produce identification," said Siegel. "In addition, intranet enabled enterprise applications such as HR, e-mail, and decision support are further increasing the demand for WAN bandwidth."

The 3Com multiservice WAN solution demonstration, when configured with carriers such as MCI, will dramatically improve a supermarket chain's ability to support ECR (efficient consumer response) and other critical business initiatives.

The trend toward multiservice converged networks has been building over the past year. An in-depth study of retailers' future networking plans, conducted by 3Com, indicated a sharp adoption of ATM network technology over the next several years, reflecting ATM's unique ability to support all types of network traffic with quality-of-service capabilities. The key findings from this study can be found at <http://www.3Com.com/nsc/industry/200390.html>.

Many retailers and hotel chains, including McDonald's, The Home Depot, Ross Stores, Harrods, Carrefour and Carnival Cruise Lines, have already deployed a 3Com ATM solution in their enterprise, either at the corporate office or in-store to dramatically boost networked application performance.

Symbol Technologies to Deliver Next-Generation Wireless Solution Based on Market-Leading Palm Computing Platform

3Com will also demonstrate its award-winning pocket-sized PalmPilot connected organizer during the conference. The Palm Computing platform is an open software architecture for handheld computing that provides an ideal basis for third-party developers to create innovative mobile computing solutions.

Symbol Technologies, the world leader in bar code-driven data transaction systems, recently announced plans to deliver a ruggedized spread-spectrum wireless version of the PalmPilot device designed for the demanding retail environment. Symbol has integrated its high-performance Spectrum24 wireless LAN technology and laser bar code scanning into the PalmPilot product for a cost effective and mobile data collection/data management customer solution for a number of markets.

PeaPod, the worldwide leader in online grocery shopping and delivery services, will demonstrate its new application based on the Symbol Technologies ruggedized PalmPilot device. PeaPod plans to use the application to increase operating efficiency and quality of customer service by automating its order fulfillment process.

As recently reported by Dataquest, the PalmPilot connected organizer currently holds 66% of the worldwide standard handheld computer market. Other Palm Computing platform OEM and licensing partners include IBM, which sells the IBM WorkPad PC companion into enterprise markets, and Qualcomm, the leader in CDMA technology. 3Com and XcelleNet Deliver Advanced Remote Systems Management Solution

XcelleNet will demonstrate its industry-leading RemoteWare suite of applications running on the NT based EdgeServer Pro card, integrated into 3Com's award-winning Total Control platform. By deploying RemoteWare on the integrated NT EdgeServer Pro card rather than on a standalone server, retailers benefit from improved security and network performance.

When combined with XcelleNet's RemoteWare, 3Com's award winning Total Control remote access concentrator, in use by over 1,000 internet service providers and major retailers such as McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Wal-Mart for traditional remote access applications,

delivers enhanced functionality for the retail enterprise. The new solution combines XcelleNet's RemoteWare software, in use by hundreds of retailers for POS polling and remote store systems management, with the Total Control remote access concentrator's NT/dual Pentium-based EdgeServer card.

By integrating all retail enterprise remote access applications into one highly-scalable, x2 DSP-based architecture, retailers gain the benefits of improved application performance, reduced telecommunications costs, and a future-proofed enterprise network investment. The Total Control remote access concentrator is also a popular network platform for supermarkets and other large-format store retailers as a network back-up solution for their frame relay WAN.

Leading supermarket chains around the world, including American Stores, Bruno's, Carrefour, Giant Eagle, Marsh Supermarkets, Tesco, Woolworth's Australia, Spartan Stores, Wegmans Food Market, and Brookshire Bros., have already deployed 3Com in-store networked solutions.

Retail organizations throughout the world use 3Com enabled networks for their point-of-sale and back-office in-store networks as well as for building retail enterprise intranets which connect stores, distribution centers, and regional and corporate offices. 3Com is a founder of the Retail Network Innovation Awards; a program designed to recognize retailer innovation in the use of networked applications.

Additional information on 3Com's innovative solutions for retailers is available at <http://www.3com.com/nsc/industry/rmenu.html>.

About 3Com

3Com Corp. enables individuals and organizations worldwide to communicate and share information and resources at anytime from anywhere. As one of the world's preeminent suppliers of data, voice and video communications technology, 3Com has delivered networking solutions to more than 100 million customers worldwide. The company provides enterprises, network service providers and carriers, small businesses and consumers with comprehensive, innovative information access products and system solutions for building intelligent, reliable and high performance local and wide area networks. For further information, visit 3Com's World Wide Web site at <http://www.3com.com>, or the press site at <http://www.3com.com/pressbox>.

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INTERNET ACCESS

Asian companies will find it easier and more cost-effective to conduct business over the Internet--the region is getting its first neutral, high-capacity commercial Internet exchange in the region. Digital Equipment Corp. and Wargamedia announced plans to build the new facility in the Malaysian Multimedia Super Corridor. The Kuala Lumpur Internet Exchange (KLIX) will replicate Digital's Digital Internet Exchange (PAIX), introduced July 1996 in Palo Alto, CA.

ISPs

CAIS Internet, a first-tier Internet service provider (ISP) headquartered in McLean, VA, is now making Web-enabled long-distance telephone service available through an agreement with Networks Telephony Corp. (NTC), a provider of Web-enabled telephony services. To place a phone call, CAIS subscribers or customers of another local ISP use their PC while surfing the Internet. CAIS, using special NTC equipment, switches the call from the Internet to a private NTC communications network, and makes the connection to the called party through the local telephone company, as is normally done. This bypasses the need for using a long-distance company and reportedly eliminates some of the long-distance voice transmission problems associated with other forms of Internet-based telephone service.

ONLINE SERVICES

AOL Networks, the Internet online service division of America Online (AOL), and Netscape signed an agreement to launch a co-branded, real-time instant messaging service, called Netscape's AOL Instant Messenger. The new service, which includes AOL's Buddy List feature, will be distributed through Netscape's client software and will be featured in a special co-branded section of the Netscape Netcenter service. The agreement also calls for ongoing joint promotion between Netscape and AOL relating to Netscape's AOL Instant Messenger.

TELCOS

Netscape announced Netscape SuiteSpot Hosting Edition, an enhanced new version of Netscape SuiteSpot server software specifically designed to enable telcos and large corporate partners to offer hosted Internet, intranet, and extranet services for individuals and enterprise customers. The company is working with several telcos to build a global Internet applications backbone that enables them to offer Internet services for individuals and corporations. Netscape SuiteSpot Hosting Edition supports simple Internet connectivity and e-mail, as well as premium services such as intranet hosting and electronic commerce . . . ICG Communications, one of the nation's largest independent competitive local exchange carriers (CLEC), has entered into a definitive agreement and plan of merger with Netcom On-Line Communication Services. "This merger combines a dynamic

local service company operating an extensive fiber-optic network with a pioneer in the Internet industry," said J. Shelby Bryan, president and CEO of ICG. The merger, which is structured as a tax-free transaction between Netcom and a subsidiary of ICG, will create a full-service business communications company providing voice, data, Internet, Web hosting, and other communications services over an extensive fiber-optic network. The new, combined company would have more than \$420 million in quarterly annualized revenue on a pro forma basis, based on second quarter results.

CABLE COMPANIES

Court TV has entered into a multiyear deal with Wink Communications. The network, which is owned by Time Warner Entertainment, Liberty Media Corp., and NBC, will use the Alameda, CA, company's Enhanced Broadcasting software to augment its network line-up with interactive elements. During televised trials, Court TV viewers can call up a small, user-friendly window to gather background information about the case and the players involved, including the attorneys, defendants, and plaintiffs, or to help them understand the legal terminology. At no time will viewers have to tune away from the broadcast. Court TV's Wink Enhanced Broadcasts can be accessed by cable viewers anywhere Wink ITV is available

WIRELESS

Guaranteeing itself one of the best distribution channels available, WavePhore reached an agreement with Microsoft to include its data broadcast software and service, WaveTop, in the Microsoft Windows 98 operating system. Users of Windows 98 who have PCs equipped with TV tuner boards will be able to use WaveTop to receive selected multimedia Internet content on their PCs via cable television or television broadcast signals. To receive the information, users do not have to pay any monthly fee or tie up their telephone line. WavePhore sends data over the broadcast signals of PBS National Datacast Inc.'s 264 PBS member stations, reaching more than 99 percent of television households in the U.S. . . Also landing a big partner, Biztravel.com will be providing its flight tracking services for the AT&T PocketNet service. Customers will receive real-time travel information about the progress and arrival time of commercial domestic flights en route over the continental U.S. They can also secure seat availability information for specified airline flights.

ANALOG MODEMS

Motorola cut prices of its Surfr Series 56K modems by almost 40 percent. Estimated street prices on Motorola's Surfr Series 56K desktop modems, which include the ModemSurfr 56K and VoiceSurfr 56K, will range in the U.S. from \$99 to \$129. The modems are both based on K56flex technology, which Motorola claims is supported by more than 1,500 ISPs. In addition, users purchasing a Motorola Surfr Series 56K modem who register in the company's Tidal Wave Buyer Protection Program are being guaranteed free upgradeability to the International Telecommunications Union 56 kbps standard after it is ratified.

SET-TOP BOXES/TELEVISION

WebTV Networks said it will utilize search technology developed by Philips Research for searching within the Explore section of the WebTV Network. In addition, WebTV will offer a direct link to PlanetSearch (www.planetsearch.com), a Web site of Philips Electronics, serving as a useful gateway to the Internet. PlanetSearch offers customizing to include a user's favorite Web sites. Since PlanetSearch was originally developed for the PC platform, Philips has optimized the user interface of PlanetSearch to fit the needs of the television platform and audience.

AUDIO/VIDEO

Forget that keyboard and mouse. If Bill Gates is right, it may not be

enabling these devices to be accessed remotely for data collection and control. The embedded Internet class of applications includes utility meters, security and remote surveillance systems, POS systems, ATMs, vending machines, remote healthcare devices, remote monitoring of network devices, remote diagnostic devices, and remote printing for digital cameras.

MOBILE COMPUTING

Motorola said that it will start shipping a code division multiple access (CDMA) phone, which can operate at 800 MHz in both digital and analog cellular systems. It should start shipping in the first half of the fourth quarter. Edward Gams, director of investor relations for Motorola, said the launch of this CDMA phone was "somewhat behind schedule." Later in the fourth quarter, Motorola expects to ship a CDMA digital phone that can operate at 1,900 MHz. A CDMA digital phone at 1,700 MHz is expected to be launched in Korea later this year, Gams added. A digital version of its StarTAC phone is expected to be launched in Japan later in the fourth quarter. A number of multiband, multimode phones--which would be both digital and analog and would operate at 800 MHz and 1,900 MHz--are reportedly also under development.

PEOPLE

The AT&T board of directors elected C. Michael Armstrong as the company's chairman and chief executive officer, effective November 1. Armstrong succeeds Robert E. Allen who, after serving in the role since 1988, said last July that he planned to retire when his replacement was named. Prior to his appointment, Armstrong, 59, was chairman and CEO of Hughes Electronics Corp.

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